

Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 2-3, 6-8 and 11-19, and has cancelled claim 20 without prejudice. Applicant sets forth below a complete listing of the claims with the corresponding status indicated for each claim.

1. (Original) A method for automatically calibrating a scanner, comprising the steps of:

affixing a calibration target to a scanning surface of said scanner; and
calibrating said scanner with said calibration target during a normal scan.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said scanner comprises a platen[[]], and wherein said calibration target comprises a width of approximately or equal to a length of or a width of said platen.

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3. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said calibration target is comprises a Kodak® Gray Strip, an IT8™ target, or an equivalent manufactured calibration target.

4. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises a photograph on photographic paper.

5. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target strip comprises a dye sublimation print on photographic paper or paper equivalent to photographic.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises[[]] a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that the adhering surface allows the plastic material to adhere to a part of the scanner when the covering is removed from the adhering surface.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises[[:]] a dye sublimation print onto a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that said adhering surface allows said dye sublimated plastic material to adhere to a part of said scanner when said covering is removed from said adhering surface.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ providing a calibration target having a protective coating.

9. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the calibration target comprises decal paper.

10. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the scanner further comprises a plastic non-reflective sleeve located proximate to a scanning surface for fixedly holding said calibration target in said sleeve.

11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus ~~An apparatus~~ for automatically calibrating a scanner, the apparatus comprising:

a calibration target;

means for attaching said calibration target proximate to a scanning surface of said scanner; and

means for automatically calibrating said scanner with said calibration target during a normal scan.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~An~~ apparatus ~~as in~~ of Claim 11, wherein the scanner further comprises;

a platen; and

wherein said calibration target comprises a width approximately equal to a length of or a width of said platen.

13. (Currently Amended) The An apparatus as in of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target is comprises a Kodak® Gray Strip, an IT8™ target, or an equivalent manufactured calibration target.

14. (Currently Amended) The An apparatus as in of Claim 11, wherein calibration target comprises a photograph on photographic paper.

15. (Currently Amended) The An apparatus as in of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target comprises a dye sublimation print on photographic paper or paper equivalent to photographic paper.

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16. (Currently Amended) The An apparatus as in of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target strip comprises a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that said adhering surface allows said plastic material adhere to said scanner when said covering is removed from said adhering surface.

17. (Currently Amended) The An apparatus as in of Claim 11, wherein the calibration target comprises a dye sublimation print onto a plastic material, said plastic material having an adhering surface and a covering over said adhering surface such that said adhering surface allows said dye sublimated plastic material to adhere to a part of said scanner when said covering is removed from said adhering surface.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A calibration target strip in~~ The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said calibration target has a protective coating.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A calibration target strip in~~ The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said calibration target comprises decal paper.

20. (Canceled).